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SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY
LAOS/CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
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1. SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY AREAS ARE GENERALLY CHARACTERIZED BY DISPERSED BUILDINGS PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY, HIGH LEVELS OF TRACK ACTIVITY WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, ISOLATED PATCHES OF ROW CROPS NEAR OR WITHIN THE AREAS, INTERCONNECTING FOOT TRAILS BETWEEN THE AREAS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY, AND THE LACK OF NATIVE VILLAGES (NOW RAZED AND ABANDONED) THAT PREVIOUSLY EXISTED IN THE AREAS. THE SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE LAOS/CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA IS FURTHER CHARACTERIZED BY THE LACK OF ANY DISCERNIBLE DEFENSES, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF THEIR LOCATION OR THE CONCEALMENT OF SUCH ACTIVITY BY HEAVY TREE CANOPY, AND THE INTERCONNECTING FOOT TRAILS BETWEEN THE AREAS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY AND BOTH LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE

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REVEALS A HIGH LEVEL OF SUSPECT

INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE EXTREME NORTHEAST TIP OF CAMBODIA, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS, AND IN LAOS PROPER. THE FOLLOWING AREAS, LOCATED WITHIN CAMBODIA AND IMAGED

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ON [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY, ARE SHOWN AS INSETS ON GRAPHIC:

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THREE CLOSELY RELATED AREAS CONTAINING AT LEAST
FOUR BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED 3.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH
VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

A LARGE AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST TWENTY BUILDINGS
IS LOCATED 3.3 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA
BORDER.

AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST TEN BUILDINGS IS
LOCATED 3.3 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA
BORDER.

AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST SEVEN BUILDINGS IS
LOCATED 1.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA
BORDER.

3. SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY AREAS, LOCATED WITHIN
CAMBODIA AND IMAGED ON TROJAN HORSE PHOTOGRAPHY, ARE SHOWN ON
PHOTOGRAPHIC MOSAIC ON GRAPHIC:

AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST FOUR BUILDINGS IS
LOCATED 4.1 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

SIX AREAS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY WITHIN
CAMBODIA, IDENTIFIED ON TROJAN HORSE PHOTOGRAPHY WITHIN
THE AREA OF INTEREST BUT NOT CONFIRMED BY LOW LEVEL GOOD
QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHY, ARE ALSO SHOWN ON MOSAIC.

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4. THE FOLLOWING AREAS, CONFIRMED ON [REDACTED]
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AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST SIX BUILDINGS IS LOCATED WITHIN CAMBODIA, 3.4 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST FIVE BUILDINGS IS LOCATED WITHIN CAMBODIA, 2.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

THREE CLOSELY RELATED AREAS CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE POSSIBLE BUILDING ARE LOCATED 2.8 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

FOUR CLOSELY RELATED AREAS ARE LOCATED WITHIN LAOS, 2.3 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. NO BUILDINGS COULD BE IDENTIFIED DUE TO SCALE AND TREE CANOPY.

5. A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MESSAGE OF 08 AUGUST 1965, ENTITLED "INVESTIGATION POSSIBLE SECURITY VIOLATION INHERENT IN UPI STORY FROM SAIGON, 5 AUG.", REPORTED THE FOLLOWING STORY APPEARED IN THE SAIGON DAILY NEWS OF 6 AUGUST:

"SAIGON, AUG 5 (UPI) - COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM HAS MOVED THE HEADQUARTERED [SIC] FOR AN ENTIRE ARMY DIVISION

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INTO NORMALLY NEUTRAL CAMBODIA, TO DIRECT THEIR COMBAT TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. RELIABLE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES TOLD UPI THAT THE REDS HAVE SHIFTED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE 325TH DIVISION TO A CAMBODIAN HIDEOUT ABOUT 270 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON. THE DIVISION'S SANCTUARY WAS TRACKED DOWN BY SECRET RADIO DETECTION EQUIPMENT ABOARD AMERICAN SURVEILLANCE PLANES [SIC]. THE NEW EQUIPMENT WAS PUT TO USE AFTER THE AMERICANS LOST TRACK OF THE 325TH'S HEADQUARTERS. THEY WERE FORMERLY ABLE TO PINPOINT WITHIN A FEW HUNDRED YARDS THE LOCATION OF THE COMMUNIST RADIO TRANSMITTERS. THE DIVISION'S NEW LOCATION IS IN A ROADLESS WILDERNESS, WHERE PRIMITIVE LOCAL TRIBESMEN HAVE SCARCELY HEARD OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE 325TH TO HAVE MOVED INTO ITS NEW HIDEOUT WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OR EVEN THE KNOWLEDGE OF CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES. BUT THE AERIAL SURVEILLANCE PLANES HAVE ALSO SPOTTED A SUPPLY BASE AND AIRFIELD FAR DEEPER INSIDE CAMBODIA WHICH APPEARS TO BE FUNNELLING SUPPLIES TO THE REDS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE AIR BASE IS ABOUT 50 MILES SOUTH OF THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, AT A CAMBODIAN TOWN CALLED BO KHEO.

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RADAR SCANNERS HAVE SPOTTED AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO BO KHEO. THE 325TH CONTROLS THREE FULL REGIMENTS - EACH NUMBERING AT LEAST 2,000 MEN WHICH OPERATE IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLAND OF SOUTH VIET NAM. THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS FORMERLY COMMANDED THESE REGIMENTS FROM HIDEOUTS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NEIGHBORING LAOS.

THE RED AIR [SIC] WAS LOCATED ALONG THE 'HO CHI MINH TRAIL' SUPPLY ROUTE, WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY COMMUNIST REBELS. INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT LAOS GOT TOO HOT FOR THE 325TH WHEN THE STAOTIAN [SIC] GOVERNMENT GAVE THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE PERMISSION TO RAID COMMUNIST CONTROLLED PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS DISAPPEARED, AND THEN TURNED UP IN THE NARROW CAMBODIAN PANHANDLE WHICH IS JUST NORTH BETWEEN LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM. THE NEW LOCATION PROTECTS THEM FROM AMERICAN AIR STRIKES. CAMBODIA IS OFFICIALLY NEUTRAL, BUT IT HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND GIVES VERBAL SUPPORT TO THE VIET CONG REBELS; IT DENIES GIVING THE REDS BASES. THE BASE IS CONNECTED WITH SOUTH VIETNAM BY NATIONAL HIGHWAY 19. AIRCRAFT HAVE SPOTTED CONVOY [SIC] OF AS MANY AS 40 TRUCKS, ROLLING FROM BO KHEO TO THE VIETNAMESE DISTRICT CAPCHOLDI [SIC] OF LE THANH. A SPECIAL

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FORCES CAMP AT DUC CO IS THE ONLY REMAINING GOVERNMENT OUTPOST NEAR THE NEW RED CONVOY ROUTE. IT HAS BEEN UNDER CONTINUOUS SIEGE BY THE VIET CONG FOR A MONTH. A THOUSAND GOVERNMENT PARATROOERS [SIC] WERE RUSHED INTO DUC CO ON TUESDAY TO SAVE THIS LAST OUTPOST ALONG THE COMMUNISTS NEW SUPPLY LINE."

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This aerial photograph shows a rural landscape in Southeast Asia, likely Laos, Cambodia, and South Vietnam. The terrain is characterized by large, irregular white patches representing agricultural fields (row crops) and darker, more continuous areas representing forest or scrubland. Several white lines and arrows indicate the presence of foot trails and roads. Several settlements are marked as "ABANDONED VILLAGE". A legend at the bottom right identifies the "AREA OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY". The map includes labels for "LAOS", "CAMBODIA", and "SOUTH VIETNAM". Four rectangular boxes, each labeled "1.5X ENLARGEMENT", point to specific features: one in the upper left corner (ROW CROPS), one in the upper right corner (BUILDING), one in the lower left corner (CONTACT), and one in the lower right corner (FOOT TRAILS). The entire image is framed by a thick black border.

A high-contrast, black-and-white micrograph showing a complex, granular texture. The image is dominated by dark, irregular shapes and patterns, suggesting a microscopic view of a material's surface or internal structure. A small white rectangular box is positioned in the upper right corner of the image frame.